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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

THROUGH : Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

FROM : Robert M. Gates  
Deputy Director for Intelligence

SUBJECT : Third World Data Base

1. Action Requested: That you sign the attached memo to the Director, Defense Intelligence Agency.

The memo informs DIA that you support development of a Third World data base and that the DDI is attempting to increase its funding of the program. It suggests that DIA review its priorities in favor of the program.

2. Background: In FY81 DIA and the DDI agreed to sponsor development of a Third World demographic data base at the Bureau of the Census, building on a base provided by AID funds. The action plan called for a graduated increase in funding to [ ] in FY83. In subsequent budget cuts DIA lost all FY82 and FY83 funding. The DDI had its FY83 contribution cut back sharply.

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The CIA/DIA cutbacks prodded Bruce Chapman, Director of the Bureau of the Census to appeal to Admiral Inman through Richard Beal at the White House to restore (indeed to increase) funding. In a meeting with Mr. Chapman in late January, Admiral Inman indicated that we would try to return to the [ ] level planned for the Intelligence Community in FY83 [ ] (should come from DIA). If recent restorations to our budget hold, the DDI should be able to follow through with Admiral Inman's promise.

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